(b) whether Government would consider to implement any project for the conservation of Vembanadu Lake;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government have granted any funds to Kerala for implementing the Pollution Abatement Scheme of River Pamba and if so, whether the Government of Kerala implemented the above project; and

(e) whether Government would consider to adopt any legisation for restricting illegal sand mining in the rivers and illegal conversion of wetlands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) Three lakes *viz* Sasthamkotta, Ashtamudi and Vembanad Kol from Kerala have been included in the list of Ramsar sites in 2002. Vambanad Lake from Kerala is not included under National Lake Conservation Programme.

(b) and (c) Vembanad Lake has been identified under National Wetland Conservation Programme for assistance on 26.12.05 in the meeting of National Wetland Committee held at Gopalpur, Orissa. The State Government of Kerala has been asked to prepare a comprehensive Management Action Plan for its conservation and management.

(d) Pamba River Action Plan having total cost of Rs. 18.45 crores has been sanctioned and an amount of Rs. 75.00 lakhs has been released so far under the National River Conservation Plan for carrying out activities of pollution abatement works and for cleaning of Pamba River.

(e) The enforcement and regulatory functions under the povisions of various Acts are performed by the respective State Governments. The process of strengthening the regulatory regime is an ongoing exercise.

Development of national parks and sanctuaries in Madhya Pradesh

†2469. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals sent by the Government of Madhya Pradesh regarding the development of national parks and sanctuaries;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) the number of proposals approved /still pending; and

(c) by when these proposals would be approved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) During the year 2005-2006 twenty two proposals were received from the Government of Madhya Pradesh for development of National Parks and Sanctuaries. Sanction in respect of all of them have been issued and funds released.

(c) Does not arise.

Private-public partnership in afforestation/reforestation

2470. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRI R.K. ANAND:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any proposal for Private-public partnership in afforestation/reforestation or wasteland development;

(b) if so, by when the proposal is likely to be implemented; and

(c) if answer to part (a) above be in the negative what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) A Multi-Stakeholder Partnership (MSP) framework for forestation of degraded lands in the country has been mooted by the Ministry of Environment and Forests. The framework intends a tripartite arrangment among the State Government, the local community, and the sponsor from the private sector. The draft documents for the MSP framework have been discussed in meetings held on 1st December 2005 with Industry Associations, and on 12th January 2006 with Principal Secretary (Forests) and Principal Chief Conservator of Forests of States and Union Territories.

(c) Does not arise.